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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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DUI patrols result in 13 arrests on St. Patrick's Day *Police see improved results replacing traditional DUI checkpoints with increased patrols for impaired driving*

The Howard County Police Department used supplemental patrols to conduct a grant-funded DUI detail overnight, resulting in the arrests of 13 impaired drivers. This effort involved additional officers patrolling the roads who focused specifically on identifying impaired drivers, replacing the more traditional style of DUI checkpoints. The grant was funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office.

The following drivers were arrested and charged with driving while impaired:

Samuel Sylvester Sloan, 31, of Baltimore
Spencer Ly, 24, of Sykesville
Jamila Ayodele Duke-Smith, 21, of Baltimore
Nicholas Bijan Darvish, 23, of Clarksville
Alex Keith Simmons, 44, of Columbia
Cody Veratanon, 25, of Severn
Elihuber Reyes Vazquez, 27, of Elkridge
Avi Chaim Benus, 42, of Pikesville
Darren Heer Klinefelter, 23, of Columbia
Ryan David Harper, 30, of Clarksville
Julio Cesar Madrigal Rodas, 30, of Laurel
Yampier Santana Gonzalez, 42, of Elkridge
Chantel Latisha Johnson, 24, of Frederick

Police remind residents to always designate a sober driver or refrain from drinking alcohol if they will be driving. Anyone who sees a suspected impaired driver on the road should call 911.

The department will continue to conduct DUI enforcement details throughout the year to help move Maryland Toward Zero Deaths. More information on the state-wide initiative can be found at www.towardzerodeathsmd.com.

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